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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON MOSCOW VISIT

1. MET WITH FAHMY LAST NIGHT TO HEAR BRIEFING ON HIS JUST CONCLUDED MOSCOW VISIT. AS HE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER (CAIRO 9816), HE CLAIMED NOTHING MUCH HAD COME OUT OF THE VISIT. HOWEVER, IT WAS A BEGINNING AND FURTHER TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN GROMYKO VISITS CAIRO IN EITHER LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. EVENTUALLY, TOO, HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A SADAT/BREZHNEV MEETING, ALTHOUGH IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHEN THIS MIGHT BE.

2. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, SOVIETS ASKED FOR MEETING. THERE HAD THEN BEEN EXCHANGES ABOUT VENUE. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAD INITIALLY AGREED TO PARIS OR GENEVA, GROMYKO HAD SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED THAT HE WAS REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN MOSCOW IN WAKE OF PODGORNYY OUSTER. HENCE FAHMY HAD AGREED TO GO TO MOSCOW ON UNDERSTANDING NEXT MEETING WOULD BE IN CAIRO.

3. RECALLING NOVEMBER 3, 1976, SOFIA MEETING, FAHMY NOTED THAT GROMYKO HAD AT THAT TIME INSISTED THAT GOE
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REINSTITUTE ABROGATED TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AS THE PRICE FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. (THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FAHMY HAS TOLD US THIS.) HE, FAHMY, HAD REFUSED. THIS TIME GROMYKO HAD MADE NO SUCH DEMAND. ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM AND BILATERAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT SOVIETS HAD JOINED PRESIDENT CARTER IN ASKING FOR COMPENSATION FOR PALESTINIANS.

4. ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE, THERE HAD BEEN NO DISAGREEMENT. SOVIETS SHARE EGYPTIAN VIEW THAT GENEVA SHOULD BE RECONVENED NO LATER THAN SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR AND THAT PLO SHOULD ATTEND AS FULL-FLEDGED PARTICIPANT. SOVIETS SUPPORT ARAB INSISTENCE THAT ISRAELIS WITHDRAW TO 1967 BORDERS AND THAT INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE BE CREATED IN WEST BANK AND GAZA.

5. ON BILATERAL AFFAIRS, SOVIETS FOCUSED ON NEED ESTABLISH NEW POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP. FAHMY HAD RESPONDED BY ADVERTING TO LONG STATED GOE DESIRE NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH USSR AND LACK OF SOVIET RESPONSE. GOE STILL READY TO DO SO, BUT ON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING SOVIETS ACCEPT FACT THAT EGYPT IS NON-ALIGNED. THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO MILITARY TALKS. FAHMY CLAIMED HE GAVE SOVIETS "HELL" FOR THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE SPARE PARTS. HE HAD RAISED DEBT RE-SCHEDULING ISSUE, BUT DISCUSSION HAD BEEN INCONCLUSIVE. IT WAS AGREED FURTHER TRADE TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR.

6. IN MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, THERE HAD BEEN TOUGH EXCHANGE ON AFRICA. BREZHNEV MADE CLEAR STRONG SOVIET SUPPORT FOR MENGISTU. BOTH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO HAD PRESSED GOE TO CAUTION NUMEIRI AGAINST SUPPORTING ERITREANS AND ETHIOPIAN DISSIDENTS. FAHMY CLAIMS HE RESPONDED BY EMPHASIZING EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR NUMEIRI GOVT AND DETERMINATION SUPPORT HIM AT ALL COSTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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RE BREZHNEV, HE HAD FOUND HIM LOOKING AND ACTING WELL.

7. COMMENT: AS INDICATED ABOVE, FAHMY WAS NOT ESPECIALLY FORTHCOMING ON DETAILS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO COOL ATMOSPHERICS REPORTED IN VARIOUS MOSCOW TELEGRAMS. WHILE SEEKING PUT BEST FACE ON HIS TRIP, HIS COMMENTS SQUARED WITH THOSE WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHERS, NAMELY, THAT NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE EMERGED OTHER THAN AGREEMENT THAT GROMYKO WILL VISIT CAIRO LATER IN THE SUMMER. EILTS

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